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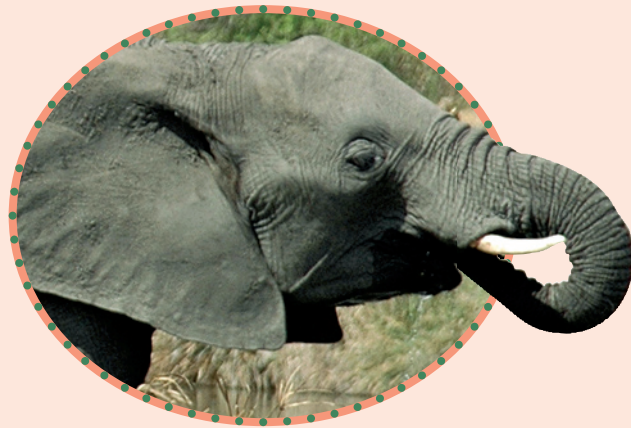
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Glossary

Africa	one of Earth's continents
protect	to keep safe
tough	strong or hard
tusks	long, pointed teeth
wrinkled	covered with lines or folds

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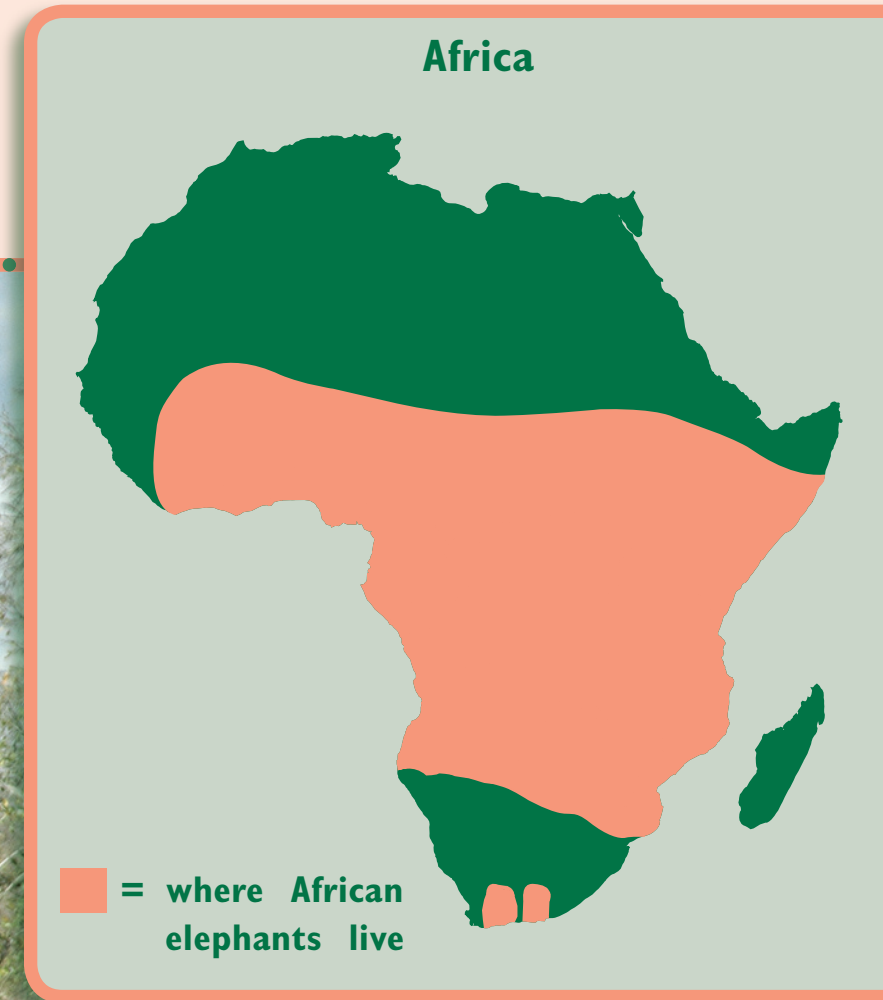
Introduction

This animal has a trunk and tusks.
It has wrinkled skin and big ears.

It has big feet with pads on the bottom.
It lives in Africa. It is an African elephant!



Elephants are the biggest animals living on land. They can weigh as much as a truck!
The biggest elephants live in Africa.



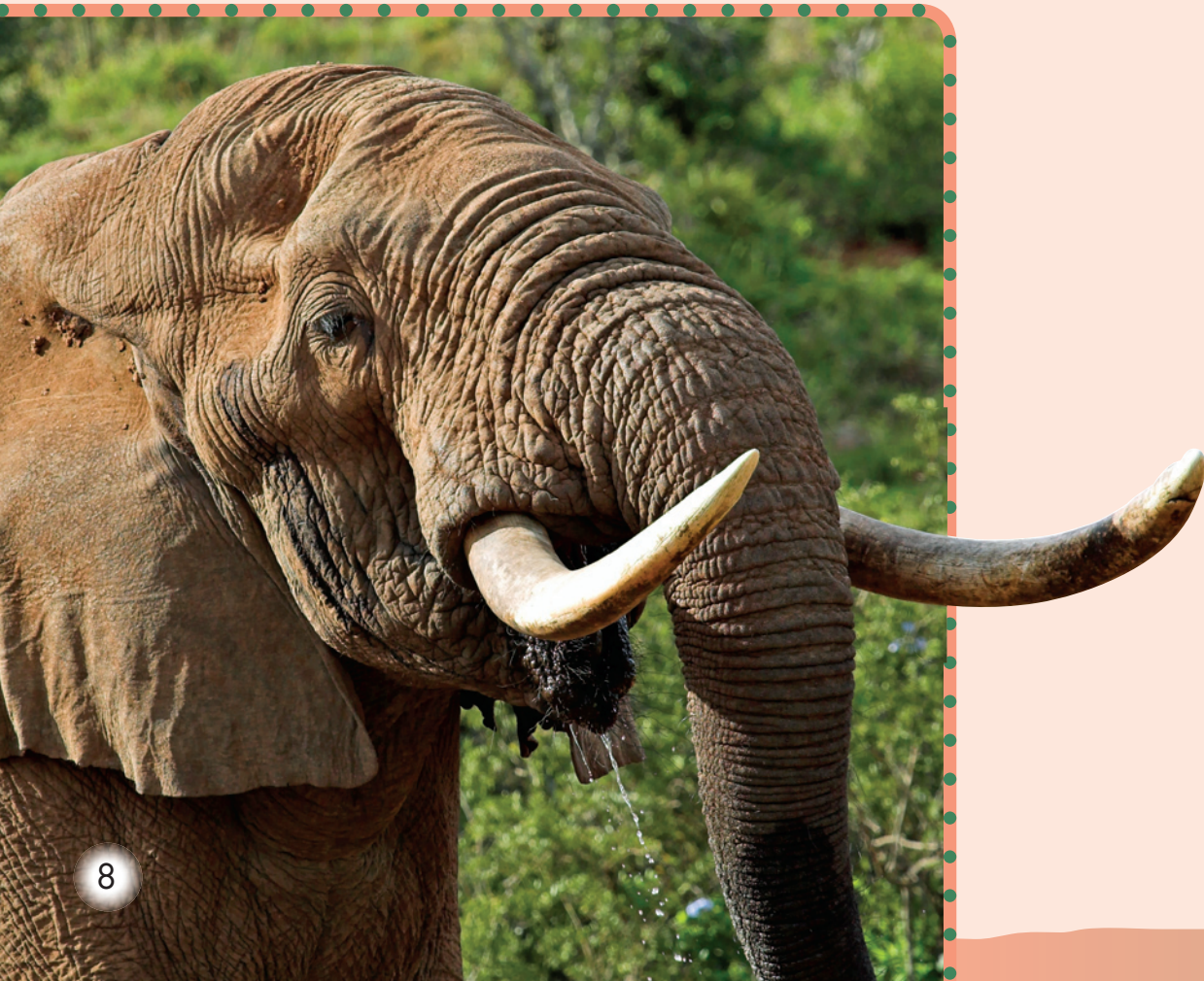
An Elephant's Body

An elephant has a long trunk. The trunk is an elephant's nose and lip. But an elephant also uses its trunk like a hand.

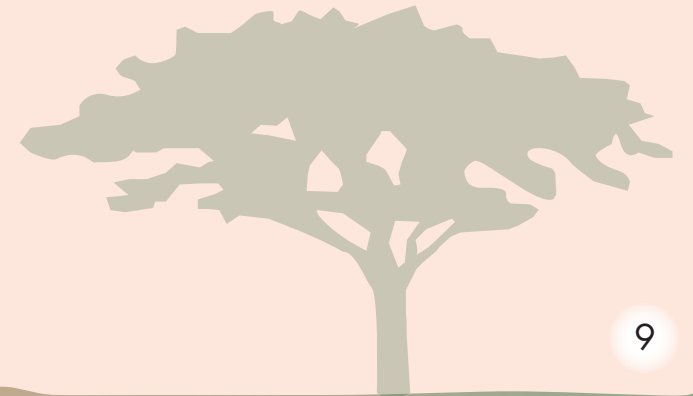
An elephant can pick up a tiny leaf or a big branch with its trunk. Sometimes an elephant uses its trunk to take a shower!



All African elephants have tusks. Tusks are long teeth that don't stop growing. These elephants use their tusks to dig holes. They also use them to carry things. An elephant will even rest its trunk on its tusks.



African elephants have big ears. On hot days, elephants flap their ears to cool off.



An elephant's skin is wrinkled. It looks very tough, but it is not. Elephants can get bug bites and sunburns. An elephant protects its skin by covering it with mud or dirt.



Elephants have big feet with pads on the bottom. The pads let the elephant walk quietly.



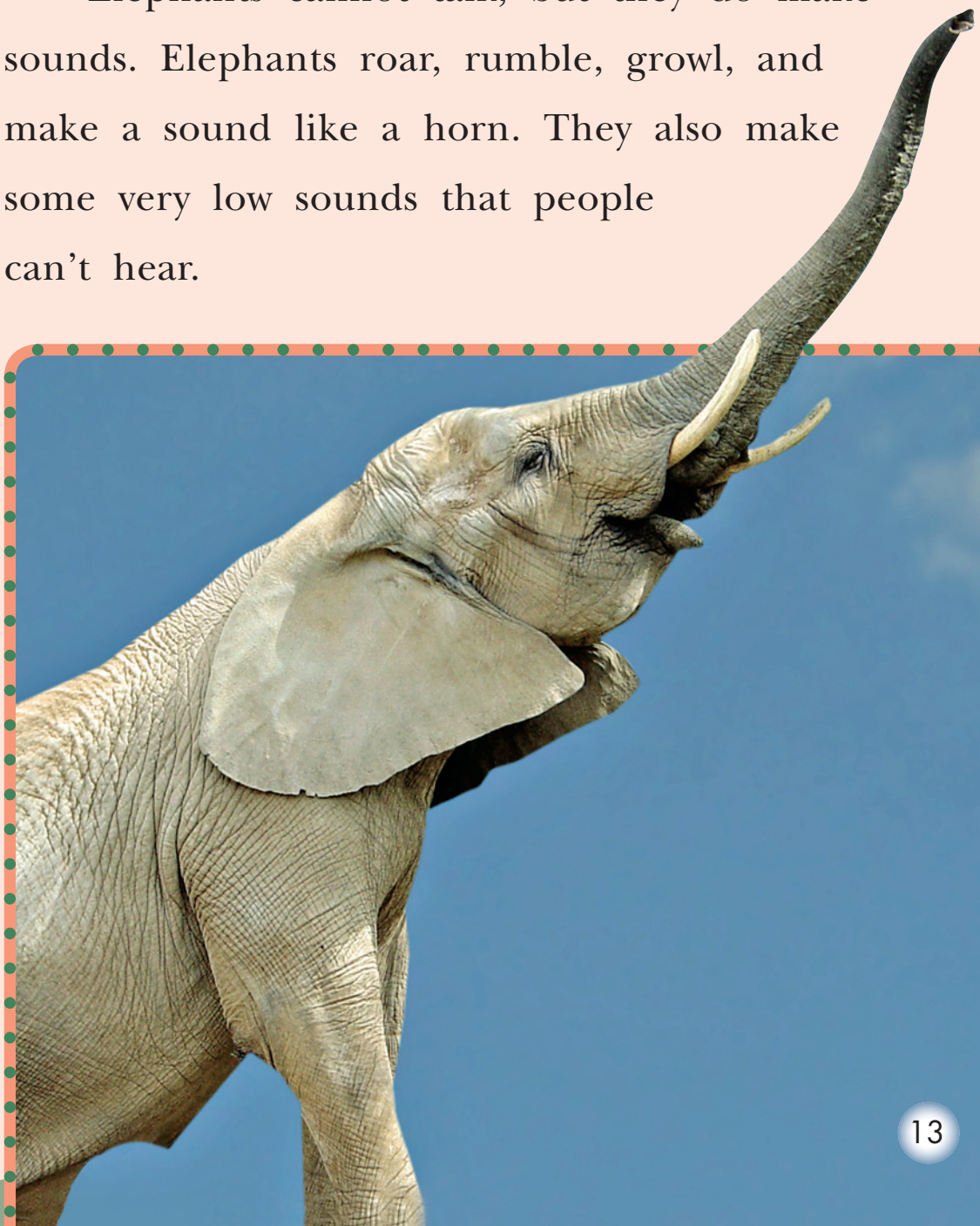


An Elephant's Life

Elephants eat about 300 pounds of food a day. They eat grass, plants, fruit, and parts of trees. Elephants reach high with their trunks to get the best leaves.



Elephants cannot talk, but they do make sounds. Elephants roar, rumble, growl, and make a sound like a horn. They also make some very low sounds that people can't hear.



Female elephants and babies live in family groups. An older female elephant leads the family.

Elephants are very good mothers. They take good care of their own babies. They also watch out for the other babies in their group.



More Elephant Facts

- ✦ Elephants can call to each other from miles away.
- ✦ Elephant babies suck their trunks.
- ✦ Elephants can live for 70 years or more.

